

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1385

Introduced by Assembly Member Laird

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 49561 to the Education Code, relating to pupil nutrition.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1385, as introduced, Laird. School meals.

Existing law requires school districts and county superintendents of schools to provide free or reduced-price meals to needy pupils as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to develop and implement a data matching system to directly certify recipients of public assistance programs for enrollment in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 49561 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 49561. The department shall develop and implement a data
4 matching system to directly certify recipients of public assistance
5 programs, including, but not limited to, the Food Stamp Program,
6 for enrollment in the National School Lunch and School
7 Breakfast programs. The system shall be designed to meet the
8 direct certification requirements of the National School Lunch
9 Act, as amended, pursuant to Chapter 13 (commencing with

1 Section 1751) of Title 42 of the United States Code, and the
2 Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended, pursuant to Chapter
3 13A (commencing with Section 1771) of Title 42 of the United
4 States Code. The department shall design this system so that it
5 maximizes enrollment in school meals programs and improve
6 program integrity while ensuring that pupil privacy safeguards
7 remain in place.

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